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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 14, 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 12-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 16-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Reconsideration

1. This action is responsive to the amendment of the applicants (Paper No.14) filed on 5/14/01. Claims 1-11 and 16-19 are presented for further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-11 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simmonds et al. "Simmonds", U.S. Patent No. 5,893,116, in view of Deinhart et al. "Deinhart", U.S. Patent No. 5,911,143.
4. Regarding claim 1, Simmonds discloses a computer network system in which plural connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer is provided in a network circuit to which a first computer has been connected, and a second computer is connected to one of the connecting means [ie. mobile computers connected/disconnected to a network, Simmonds, col. 2, lines 37-48, col. 3, lines 1-52, and col. 6, lines 39-65], wherein
the first computer comprises resource information managing means for managing information relating to resources, including the position of the resources, which are usable

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through the network circuit, and resource information processing means for taking out the content of the resource information managing means in response to a request of information relating to usable resources from another computer, and transmitting to the network circuit [ie. replicated usable resources that are managed (RSE) for the request of information from a computer (mobile), Simmonds, col. 3, lines 1-20, col. 5, lines 1-16, col. 6, line 57 - col. 7, line 34];

the second computer comprises resource setting means for setting the resource according to the content of the resource information transmitted by the resource information processing means of the first computer, and [ie. selecting and modifying a resource, Simmonds, col. 8, lines 6-37, col. 10, line 64 - col. 11, line 38, and col. 14, lines 21-65];

when the second computer is connected to the network circuit through any one of the plural connecting means, the resource setting means receives the content of the resource information transmitted by the resource information processing means of the first computer and sets the resource [Simmonds, col. 8, lines 6-37, col. 10, line 64 - col. 11, line 38, and col. 14, lines 21-65].

Simmonds' does not specifically disclose the location in the real world of the resources. However, Deinhart, in the same field of endeavor, discloses accessing rights of resources (ie. printers) with relationship to their actual physical location [Deinhart, col. 3, lines 5-54 and col. 9, line 51 - col. 10, line 26]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the physical location of the resource, taught by

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Deinhart, in to the managing system, taught by Simmonds, since Deinhart suggests location specific in managing accessing rights of resources [Deinhart, col. 1, lines 7-17 and col. 3, lines 5-18] similar to the resource managing disclosed by Simmonds [Simmonds, col. 3, line 48 - col. 5, line 36] can be used to better organize the managing system [Deinhart, col. 1, lines 7-17 and col. 3, lines 5-18]. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify Simmonds to include the location specific managing of the resources in view of Deinhart, so that the system becomes easier to manage local and globally.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Simmonds and Deinhart (Simmonds-Deinhart) to obtain the invention as specified in claim 1.

5. Regarding claim 2, claim 2 has similar limitations as claim 1 and additional limitations of a resource installation position managing means for managing the position at which the resource managed by the resource information managing means exists and selecting an arbitrary resource. Therefore, the similar limitations are disclosed under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1]. Also, Simmonds-Deinhart further discloses the resource installation position managing means for managing the position at which the resource managed by the resource information managing means exists and selecting an arbitrary resource [Simmonds, col. 8, lines 6-37 and col. 10, line 64 - col. 11, line 38] [Deinhart, col. 9, line 51 - col. 10, line 26].

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6. Regarding claim 3, claim 3 has similar limitations as claim 1 and additional limitations of a resource information holding means for holding the resource information relating to the resources that can be managed directly and comparing means for comparing the content of the resource information holding means and the content of the resource information managing means of the first computer, detecting a replaceable resource. Therefore, the similar limitations are disclosed under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1]. Also, Simmonds-Deinhart further discloses resource information holding means for holding the resource information relating to the resources that can be managed directly and comparing means for comparing the content of the resource information holding means and the content of the resource information managing means of the first computer, detecting a replaceable resource [Simmonds, col. 14, line 46 - col. 14, line 65] [Deinhart, col. 9, lines 20-67].

7. Regarding claim 4, claim 4 has similar limitations as claim 1. Therefore, it is rejected under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1].

8. Regarding claim 5, claim 5 has similar limitations as claim 1 and additional limitations of a resource information holding means for holding the resource information relating to the resources that can be managed directly and comparing means for comparing the content of the resource information holding means and the content of the resource information managing means

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of the first computer, detecting a replaceable resource. Therefore, the similar limitations are disclosed under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1]. Also, Simmonds-Deinhart further discloses resource information holding means for holding the resource information relating to the resources that can be managed directly and comparing means for comparing the content of the resource information holding means and the content of the resource information managing means of the first computer, detecting a replaceable resource [Simmonds, col. 14, line 46 - col. 14, line 65] [Deinhart, col. 9, lines 20-67].

9. Regarding claim 6, claim 6 has similar limitations as claim 1 and additional limitations of a resource updating means for updating the content of the resource information managing means when receiving an updated resource. Therefore, the similar limitations are disclosed under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1]. Also, Simmonds-Deinhart further discloses a resource updating means for updating the content of the resource information managing means when receiving an updated resource information [Simmonds, col. 14, line 46 - col. 14, line 65] [Deinhart, col. 9, lines 20-67].

10. Regarding claims 7-9, claim 7-9 have similar limitations as claim 1. Therefore, they are rejected under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1].

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11. Regarding claims 10 and 11, claims 10-11 has similar limitations as claim 1 and additional limitations of a resource noticing means for noticing the content of the resource information managing means and updating resource information registering means by receiving the updated resource information from the computer. Therefore, the similar limitations are disclosed under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1]. Also, Simmonds-Deinhart further discloses a resource noticing means for noticing the content of the resource information managing means and updating resource information registering means by receiving the updated resource information from the computer.

[Simmonds, col. 5, lines 1-16, col. 6, line 57 - col. 7, line 34, and col. 14, line 46 - col. 14, line 65] [Deinhart, col. 3, lines 5-18 and col. 9, lines 20-67].

12. Regarding claims 16-19, claims 16-19 have similar limitations as claim 1. Therefore, they are rejected under Simmonds-Deinhart for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 1 [Supra 1].

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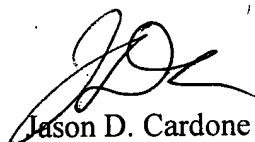
Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason D. Cardone, whose telephone number is (703) 305-8484 and fax number is (703) 308-6606. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached on (703) 305-4815.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9700.

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